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**Agency: Commerce, Community and Economic Development** 

**Grants to Municipalities (AS 37.05.315)** 

**Grant Recipient: Nome** 

**Project Title:** 

## Nome - Public Safety Building Phase II

State Funding Requested: \$ 2,200,000 House District: 39 - T

One-Time Need

#### **Brief Project Description:**

Public Safety Building will support providing basic emergency services to the residents of Nome

**Funding Plan:** 

Total

Total Cost of Project: \$7,600,000

<u>Funding Secured</u> <u>Other Pending Requests</u> <u>Anticipated Future Need</u>

Amount FY Amount FY Amount FY

\$5,300,000

 Local Funds
 \$100,000
 2007
 \$1,300,000
 2009

 Other
 \$4,000,000
 2009

Explanation of Other Funds:

Contact Name: Paul LaBolle Contact Number: x3789

Funding requested in the 2008 Supplemental

#### **Detailed Project Description and Justification:**

\$100,000

The City of Nome requests capital funding for the construction of a new Public Safety building. State assistance for this project is warranted as the Public Safety Building will support providing basic emergency services to the residents of Nome and Northwest Alaska and will replace old undersized and deficient facilities.

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Presently the City provides training space for the Norton Sound Regional Health Corporation village health aides HAZWOPER training and EMS providers; all of whom serve the Bering Strait region. The City provides communication services for the Alaska State Troopers and coordinates regional search and rescue operations. In addition to typical emergency response services the Nome Volunteer Ambulance Department provides service as the medevac transporter between the regional hospital and area air service facilities. Each of these additional emergency services constitutes a viable service to the community and region.

The current Public Safety facilities in Nome lack security adequate space clean air and are dispersed in several locations. The existing Nome Fire Hall contains the police station communications and main fire station and offices. Ambulance facilities are in a separate building across the street. The Police Department space is completely deficient in its ability to provide proper interview space evidence collection and processing or prevent contact of victims with criminals. None of

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The City has purchased land for the new building based upon the site recommendations in the program report. We have done geotechnical investigations and environmental permitting for the project. The program report determined a new facility sized to meet current and future needs requires 25000 sf of space for offices vehicle parking and associated support space. The Nome City Council in an effort to support its Police and the volunteers of the NVAD has decided to pursue construction of Phase I – Police/Emergency Operations Center/Training/Ambulance Facility. The Phase I facility would consist of an 8043 SF office with a 3330 SF vehicle storage building for an estimated construction cost of \$6.2 million. (Phase II consists of a new 4 bay Fire Hall with appropriate storage for search & rescue equipment and specialized training facilities.)

The City of Nome has completed the geotechnical report purchased the site environmental permitting feasibility study and program report and initial site development.

The City of Nome requests \$2200000 in funding be made available to allow Nome to construct a multi-agency multi-use facility that effectively serves the community and region. The Public Safety Building will aide Nome in its providing services to the Nome Airport (a State Facility with a mutual aide agreement for law enforcement protection) to the Norton Sound Hospital (medevac transports) to the Alaska State Troopers (communication dispatch services) to Norton Sound Health Corporation (health aide training facility) and to the residents of the region during emergency response (emergency operations center).

Project Timeline	P	ro	iect	Tim	elin	e:
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July 2008 through September 2009

#### **Entity Responsible for the Ongoing Operation and Maintenance of this Project:**

City of Nome

#### **Grant Recipient Contact Information:**

Contact Name: Denise Micheals

Address: P.O. Box 281 Nome, Alaska 99762

Phone: (907)443-6600

Email: mayor@ci.nome.ak.us

Has this project been through a public review process at the local level and is it a community priority? | X | Yes | No

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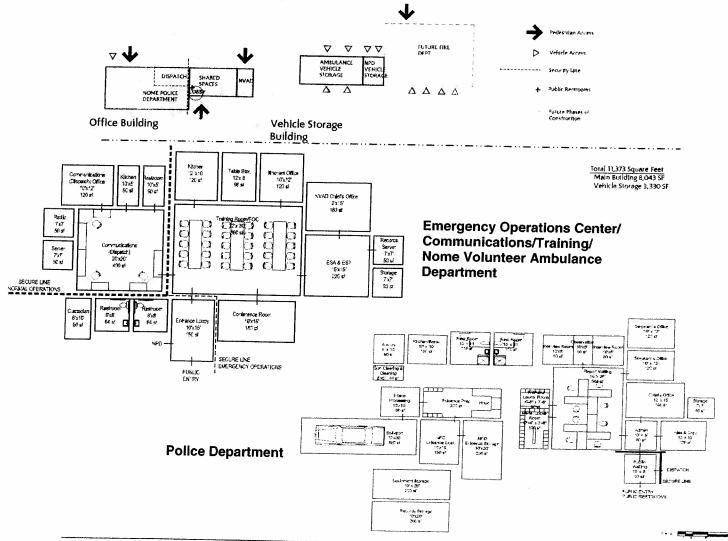


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The City has completed a program and feasibility study for a new Public Safety building. A phase I program layout is shown below:



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Nome City Council, in an effort to support its Police and the volunteers of the NVAD has decided to pursue construction of Phase I - Police/Emergency Operations Center/Training/Ambulance Facility. The Phase I facility would consist of an 8,043 SF office with a 3,330 SF vehicle storage building for an estimated construction cost of \$6.2 million. (Phase II consists of a new 4 bay Fire Hall with appropriate storage for search & rescue equipment and specialized training facilities.)

The City of Nome has completed the geotechnical report, purchased the site, environmental permitting, feasibility study and program report, and initial site development.

The City of Nome requests \$3,700,000 in funding be made available to allow Nome to construct a multi-agency, multi-use facility that effectively serves the community and region. The Public Safety Building will aide Nome in its providing services to the Nome Airport (a State Facility with a mutual aide agreement for law enforcement protection), to the Norton Sound Hospital (medevac transports), to the Alaska State Troopers (communication dispatch services), to Norton Sound Health Corporation (health aide training facility) and to the residents of the region during emergency response (emergency operations center).

## City of Nome, Alaska Denise Michels, Mayor

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# CITY OF MOME

# Celebrating 100 Years of Gold Rush History Incorporated April 9, 1901

January 17, 2008

The Honorable Sarah Palin, Governor The Honorable Lyda Green, Senate President The Honorable John Harris, Speaker of the House

Subject:

2008 State Legislative Priorities for the City of Nome, Alaska

Dear Fellow Alaskans:

The City of Nome is pleased to provide you with its 2008 State Legislative Priorities. The Nome Common Council conducted meetings with Citizens, Boards and Commissions and adopted resolutions endorsing the capital projects and position statements for inclusion in this session's Legislative Priorities package.

We find ourselves with the strong will to continue investing in our community. Nome desires to improve our economic base and to pursue and develop long-range projects that will provide stable employment for our Citizens. Nome's aggressive approach to move forward is evidenced by seeking projects that will improve the quality of life for the Citizens of Nome, our welcomed visitors and for the surrounding villages, who view Nome as the center for many of their needs.

We work closely with our local partners to diversify and strengthen our economy. We do seek State assistance to help us meet the demands and needs of our citizens.

We seek the State of Alaska's assistance and support for Capital Projects and Legislative Positions contained within this document. The City has prioritized the following capital projects for consideration:

- 1. Water and Sewer Infrastructure Improvements; and
- Public Safety Building.

The City has identified other issues of importance to the community meriting state consideration:

- A. Nome Recreation Center Upgrades;
- B. Nome School Capital Improvements;
- C. NJUS Power Generation Issues;
- D. Nome Volunteer Fire Department Fire Truck;
- E. Museum Design Historic Preservation and Tourism Development;

- F. Alaska Army National Guard Readiness Center;
- G. Consortium Library with the University of Alaska;
- H. Pioneer/Veterans Home in Northwest Alaska;
- I. State Fiscal Issues; and
- J. Support of Transportation Infrastructure Funding Planning.

We will actively promote State assistance for these items through our lobbyist, Ms. Wendy Chamberlain. She will be able to assist you on these projects and can describe our need and interest for the projects included within the Legislative Priorities. The City's staff and I are available and eager to provide additional information to you and your staff. If I can be of any assistance, please do not hesitate to call me at 443-6610 or Mr. Donald Moore, City Manager at 443-6600.

We thank you for your continuous support and consideration of our 2008 Legislative Priorities.

Sincerely, CITY OF NOME, ALASKA

DENISE MICHELS MAYOR



Presented by:
Mayor
Action Taken:
Yes 5 No 6
Abstain 6

#### CITY OF NOME, ALASKA

#### RESOLUTION NO. R-07-12-04A

#### A RESOLUTION ENDORSING PROJECTS AND POSITION STATEMENTS FOR THE CITY OF NOME 2008 STATE LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

WHEREAS, a public hearing and joint work session of the Nome City Council, Nome Joint Utility Board, Nome School District Board, Nome Planning Commission, and Nome Port Commission was held in Nome, Alaska on Thursday, December 6, 2007; and,

WHEREAS, it is with unanimity that the following prioritized projects are considered worthy of advocacy to State of Alaska legislative and administrative leaders:

Priority #1- Water and Sewer infrastructure Improvements;

Priority #2 - Public Safety Building; and,

WHEREAS, it is with unanimity the following Community Infrastructure items are considered worthy of advocacy to State of Alaska legislative and administrative leaders:

Nome Recreation Center Upgrades;

- Space Reorganization/Remodel
- Skating Facility

Nome School Capital Improvements:

- Nome Elementary School Hot Water Boiler System Replacement
- CIP (FY09) Nome Building D & E Roof Replacement
- Nome Elementary School Gym Floor Replacement

NJUS Power Generation Issues;

- Fuel Line Relocation
- Protection/Relocation of Electrical Distribution Facilities in Flood Prone

Areas

- Power Plant Construction Completion
- Utility System Security & Surveillance
- Develop Alternative Energy Production Sources
- Study Alternate Power and Fuel Source

Nome Volunteer Fire Department - Fire Truck;

Museum Design -Historic Preservation and Tourism Development;

Alaska Army National Guard Readiness Center;

Consortium Library with the University of Alaska;

Pioneer/Veterans Home in Northwest Alaska; and,

WHEREAS, it is with unanimity that the following legislative position statements are supported by the City of Nome and considered worthy of advocacy to State of Alaska legislative and administrative leaders:

#### State Fiscal Issues:

- Support for Restoration of Municipal Revenue Sharing
- Support for PERS/TERS Liability Funding and Establishment of a Program to Insure a Sustainable Retirement System

Department of Transportation Planning:

- Long Range Community/ Infrastructure Development Nome Airport

Master Plan

- Support of Transportation Infrastructure Funding

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Nome City Council endorses the aforementioned items for inclusion in the City of Nome 2008 State of Alaska Legislative Priorities Package.

APPROVED and SIGNED this 9th day of January, 2008.

Stan Andersen, Presiding Councilman

ATTEST:

SANDY STURGIS-BABCOCK, City Clerk/Treasurer